WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Progress of fencing along Indo-Pak Border

1469. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the wire fencing of the entire International Border between India and Pakistan and along the Line of Control on the border, has been completed; and

(b) if not, when the above work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The progress of wire fencing on the International Border (IB) and along the Line of Control (LoC) on the Indo-Pak border is as follows:—

	Length of Border Fenced so far (in Kms)	Remaining length of border to be fenced (in Kms)	Target year of completion
IB	1688 42	307	within 2005
LoC	655	35	within 2004

Non-completion of barbed fencing along Indo-Pak Border

1470. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state·

(a) whether it is a fact that the barbed wire fencing of three Indian villages-Hethlanga, Chironda and Silikut, spread over merely 565 hectare area in Uri sector on the Indo-Pak border in northern Kashmir had been left near No Mans Land between India and Pakistan;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propóse to cover the said area with barbed wire fencing to ensure the security of the people of above said villages; and

(d) if so, by when?